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JAH	One page off the Perma Pure Inc. website of the product brochure #104 of the New PD™-Series Gas Dryers.
JAH	Three pages off the SympaTex website of some of the most common questions that are asked and some technical data on the SympaTex membrane.
JAH	United States Patent Application Publication No.: US2002/0195104, Published on December 26, 2002, Inventor Finl et al. entitled: APPARATUS FOR INCREASING THE HUMIDIFICATION OF THE AIR STREAM BREATHED BY A PATIENT
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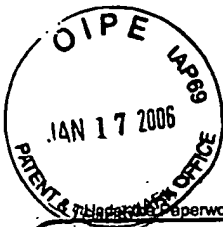
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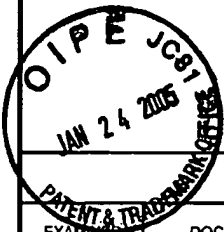
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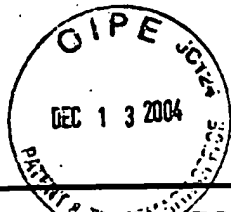
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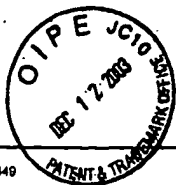
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